

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting

January 19, 2011

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, January 19, 2011.

Chairman Mr. Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members present were Robert Lohr, Lynda Martone and George Leonhardt. Also present were Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson, Chief Robert Dauphinais and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis. Absent was Jamie Hainsworth.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the November 17, 2010 meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Lohr and passed 4–0.

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson also advised everyone that the bills were mailed out December 1st and there were approximately 2700 bills sent out. For the month of December she has collected \$123,435 in taxes and an

additional \$97,821 to date. Total collected so far is \$221,256 in taxes.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to accept the Tax Collector's monthly report, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere passed out December 2010 and January 2011 Treasurer's Reports. We are currently half way through the fiscal year with total operating funds at approximately \$251,000. All the accounts are in good standings.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the December 2010 and January 2011 Treasurer's Reports and pay monthly bills, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read and submitted the November and December 2010 Monthly Chief's Reports to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt accept the Chief's Monthly Reports and place the copies on file, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Committee: Truck Committee: Chief is in the Process of setting

up a committee at this time

Old Business:

1. Snow Plow Bid: 1 Bid Submitted

a. Motion made by Mrs. Martone to award the bid to Dennis Huestis, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

New Business:

1. Glocester Resource Committee:

Glocester Resource Committee asked to speak at the Monthly Board regarding the waterway in the back of the station.

At this time no one was present from the Glocester Resource Committee. Chief Dauphinais explained that they are looking for an agreement to access the waterway behind the station to install a mirco electric generator.

Motion made by Mr. Lohr to table, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

2. VFIS:

The three Chiefs, department secretaries and Judy Parman from VFIS (our insurance company) met to discuss the

Accident and Sickness Policy. The discussion was about terminology as it pertains to the Per Diem and the cost of the Accident and Sickness Policy increasing by 50% (\$4,000 each

department expected increase)

This is partially due to claims made the past few years against the policy not just with our departments all departments.

3. W-2's

Mrs. Shields advised that the W-2's have been mailed out.

4. Handbook:

a. Chief Dauphinais is looking to start a handbook that everyone will have outlining to the departments policies, guidelines, incentive program, etc.

5. Centennial Banquet: Date has been set for September 15, 2012 @ Crystal Lake

6. Gloucester Resource Committee member Mr. Peter Skeffington came to meeting at 6:58pm.

a. The Gloucester Resource Committee is looking for an agreement between Chepachet Fire District and the Gloucester Resource Committee and/or Town of Gloucester to access the waterway behind the station. Mr. Skeffington advised everyone that the Gloucester

Resouce Committee is looking at harnessing the dam with Hydro Eletric Turbine. The Turbine will produce electricity and run it thru a meter. This will give them net metering. Net metering will give almost the full value of price to Kilowatt per hour at .16c approximately. They are looking for an agreement to use the penstock that runs on the side of the station. Earl Newman asked who would benefit from the income earned from the turbine. Mr. Skeffington said that would be determined in the agreement to percentage of the monies made for all parties involved. Stone Mill Antiques would also be involved and be looking for a percentage of the proceeds earned. Chief Dauphinais questioned the water flow and the need the department has to continued use of the water behind the station as a primary source of water supply. Board members would like to see a more detailed plan on how the water flow would be effected, who's responsibility to maintain the waterways and type of Turbine. Mr. Skeffington will advise the Town of Glocester that the Fire District is not opposed to the turbine but would need more information before any agreement can be made.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Monthly Meeting on February 16th, 2011 at 6:30pm.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**